

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 9, 2019

RE: **1605 Catherine Street (permit application # T2019-0198)**

FROM: Karen DeMaria, City of Key West Urban Forestry Manager

An application was received requesting the removal of **(2) Gumbo Limbo trees**. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

**Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)**











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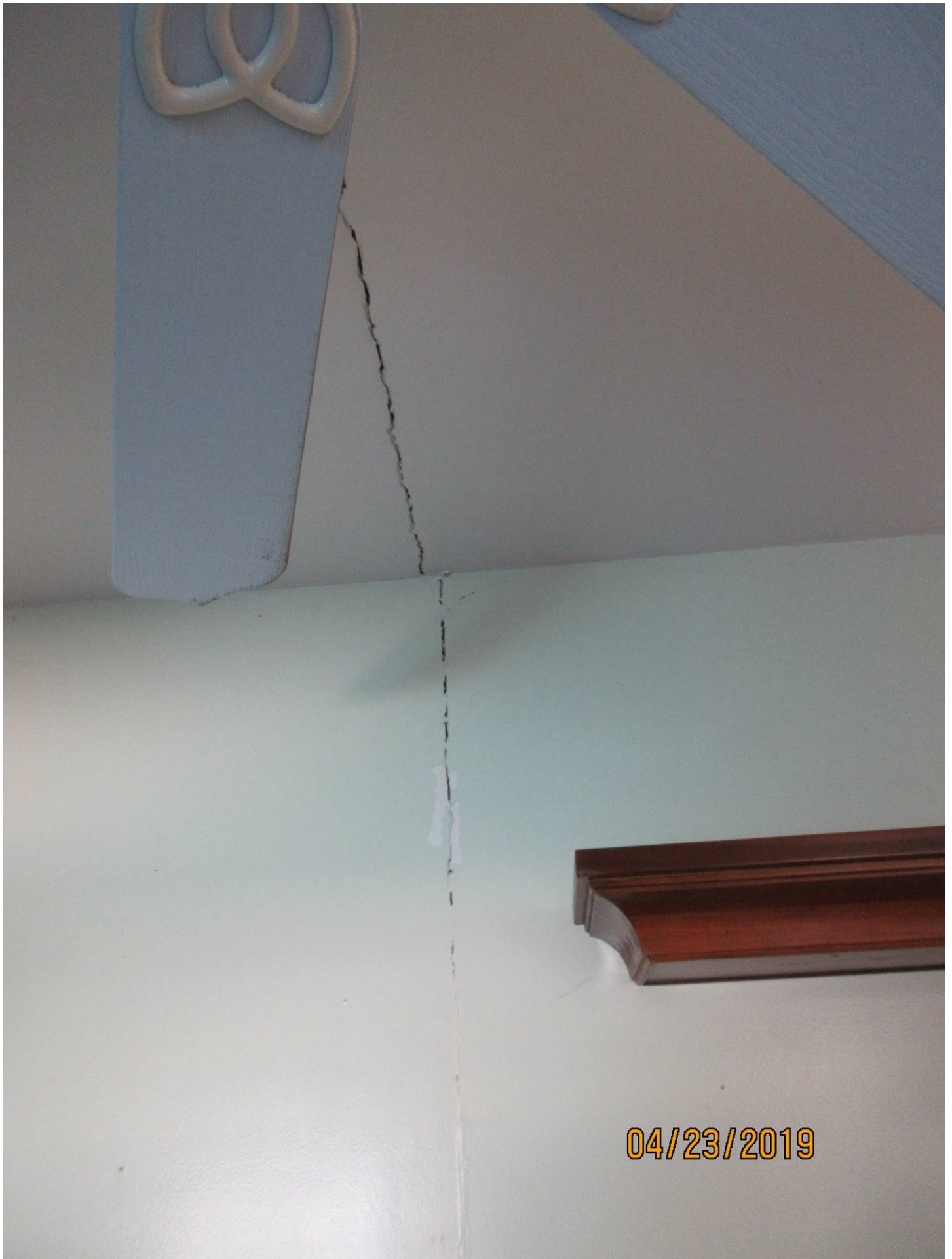


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Diameter: 18.1"

Location: 30% (growing too close to structure, cracks to interior walls and ceiling, growing on property line-majority of tree trunk on this property)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair to poor, poor structure, numerous large canopy branches off one crotch area as if tree top had been cut at one time, fair health)

Total Average Value = 60%

**Value x Diameter = 10.8 replacement caliper inches**











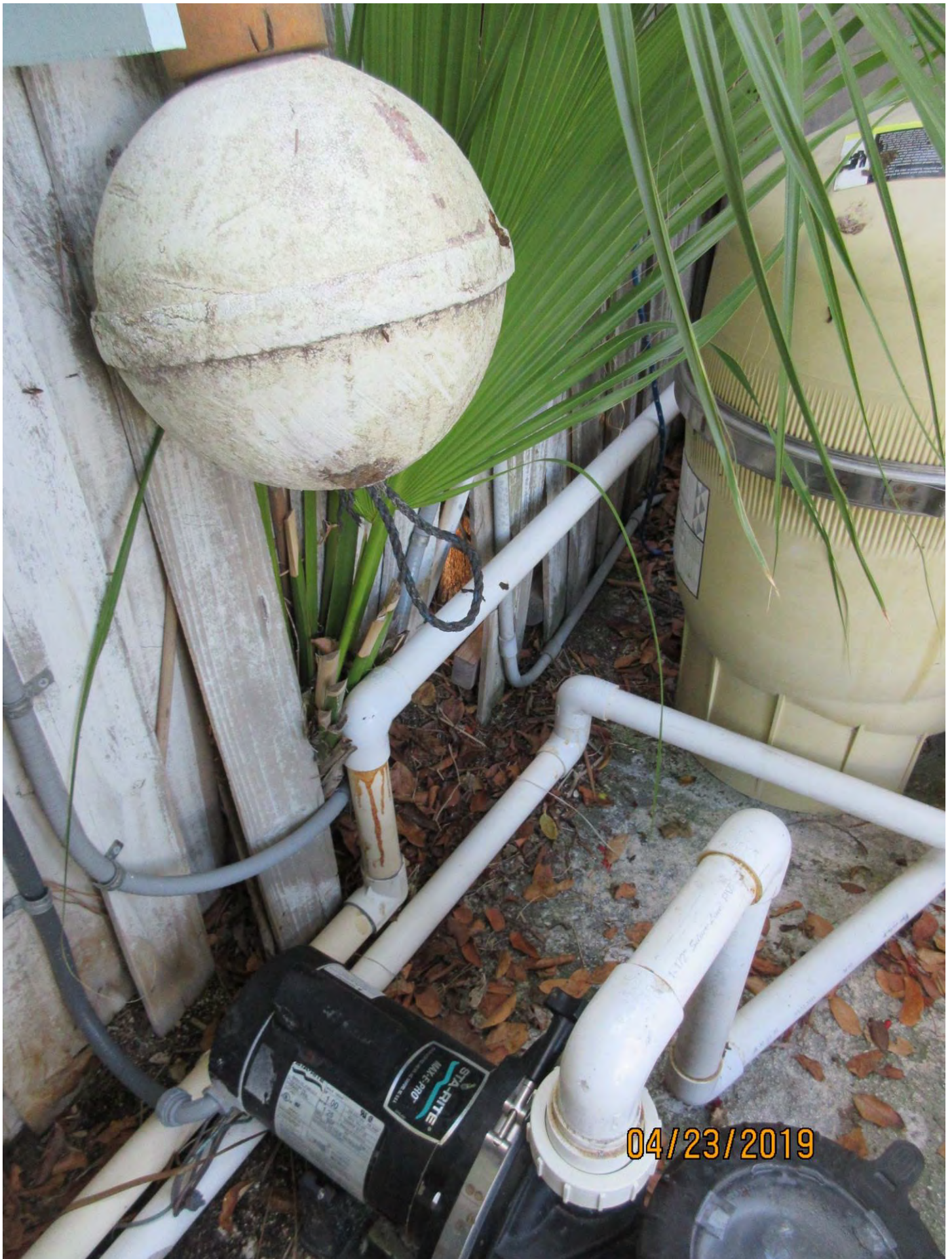
















Diameter: 6.6"

Location: 30% (volunteer tree growing under utility lines, on property line, in fence, and next to pool equipment.)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair to poor)

Total Average Value = 60%

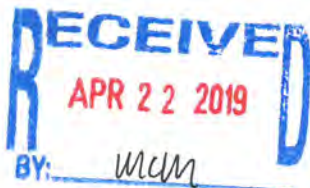
**Value x Diameter = 3.9 replacement caliper inches**

**Total required replacement if both trees removed is 14.7 caliper inches.**



# Application





CANOPY  
REMOVAL

2019-0198

## Tree Permit Application

Date: 4/22/19

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 1605 Catherine St  
Cross/Corner Street Thomas  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 2 Gumbo Limbo  
Species Type(s) check all that apply ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit ( ) Shade ( ) Unsure  
Reason(s) for Application:

- ☒ REMOVE ( ) Tree Health ☒ Safety ( ) Other/Explain below  
( ) TRANSPLANT ( ) New Location ( ) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below  
( ) HEAVY MAINTENANCE ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation smaller Gumbo Growing thru Rear fence pushing on pool pump  
larger Gumbo Lifting Pool house causing damage to roof + structure

Property Owner Name Amy + Jeff Purcell  
Property Owner eMail Address as\_senez@yahoo.com  
Property Owner Mailing Address 1605 Catherine St.  
Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040  
Property Owner Phone Number (803) 240-4374  
Property Owner Signature Amy Purcell

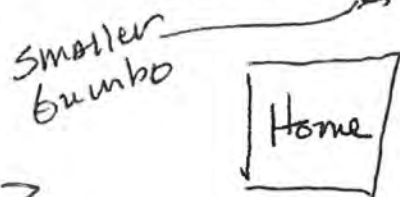
Representative Name John Cole Shade Tree Inc  
Representative eMail Address shadetreeservices@yahoo.com  
Representative Mailing Address Po Box 1341  
Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33041  
Representative Phone Number (305) 340-8094

NOTE: A Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany this application if someone other than the owner will be representing the owner at a Tree Commission meeting or picking up an issued Tree Permit.

Tree Representation Authorization form attached ( )

<<<<< Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>>

Please identify tree(s) with colored tape



larger Gumbo

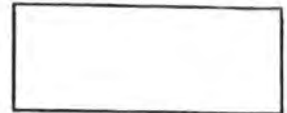
4'9" dbh  
18.1" dbh

rep from neighbor  
ok - true mostly on 1605

Catherine St

If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.





## Tree Representation Authorization

Date: 4/22/19

Attendance at the Tree Commission meeting on the date when your request will be discussed is necessary in order to expedite the resolution of your application. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 1605 Catherine St

Property Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner eMail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Mailing City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name John Cote Shade Tree Inc.  
Representative eMail Address Shadetreeservices@yahoo.com  
Representative Mailing Address PO Box 341  
Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33041  
Representative Phone Number (305) 340-8094

I Amy Purcell, hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature Amy Purcell

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 22 day April.

By (Print name of Affiant) Amy Purcell who is personally known to me or has produced Florida Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

### NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Janel K. Jeselskis

Print Name: Janel K. Jeselskis

My Commission Expires: 9/25/2021

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)



Janel K. Jeselskis  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
Comm# GG130129  
Expires 9/25/2021



## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** jeff purcell <jp60659b@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2019 1:06 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria; Amy Purcell  
**Subject:** property damage 1605 Catherine Street

Dear Karen DeMaria,

We have two trees on our property at 1605 Catherine Street that are causing significant damage.

Tree #1 is pushing on the roof of the pool house. The fencing is already damaged and the roots of the tree has caused cracking to the pool house interior walls, floor and ceiling.

Tree #2 has already moved the fence to the extent of damaging the electrical service to the pool pump and will cause imminent damage to the hard piping of the pool filtration system.

We respectfully request the committee grant us permission to have these trees removed, thereby preventing further damage.

Thank You,

Jeff and Amy Purcell